

II. Collaboration

A. Stakeholders: What are they?

Stakeholders are defined as any person, agency or organizations with a particular interest “a stake” in fire management and the protection of assets from wildfires. The Lassen – Modoc Unit utilizes the Unit Chief, Division Chiefs, Battalion Chiefs, Fire Station personnel, and Fire Prevention Officers, including Volunteers in Prevention (VIP), through active participation in Fire Safe Council Meetings, and other fire prevention workshops and Public Education presentations. The Lassen – Modoc Unit Chief has made a considerable attempt at involving stakeholders and many of their interests in the planning of the Lassen – Modoc Fire Management Plan. It is the goal of the Lassen – Modoc Unit to encourage the participation of as many stakeholders as possible and to continually update planning efforts involving stakeholder input.

The Lassen and Modoc Fire Safe Councils have been instrumental in bringing a diverse group of stakeholders to the table. The Unit is able to respond and adapt activities to address many of the concerns from the different stakeholders involved with the fire safe council. Through the council’s diversity, agencies have been able to develop fire management and hazardous fuel reduction projects that otherwise may never have developed. More information about fire safe councils is available at the web site www.firesafecouncil.org.

B. Stakeholders: Who are they?



Fire Safe Councils

Within Battalion 1 there are two active Fire Safe Councils: The Janesville Fire Safe Council and the Lassen County Fire Safe Council. Both of these councils are working on fuels reduction projects and



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education and outreach to the community. In 1997, the Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District (HLVRCD), Janesville Fire Protection District and CDF applied for a Forest Stewardship Grant for the development of a fire hazard reduction and forest health project in and around the community of Janesville, California. The grant was approved and shortly thereafter an advisory group made up of the HLVRCD, Janesville FPD, CDF, Lassen County Sheriff's Office, Lassen National Forest, Plumas National Forest, and homeowners from the community, formed a Fire Safe Council for this project.

This Fire Safe Council has continued to work on and develop other projects within the community of Janesville. A Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) grant was secured to develop an evacuation plan pamphlet for the community. This project has been completed and the pamphlets handed out by the Boy Scout troop and Fire Safe Council members within the Janesville community.

The Council has taken the initiative to identify many potential projects for the Janesville area. These projects fit in to the Lassen County Fire Safe Council's project plan.

During 2001 and beginning of 2002, the Lassen County Fire Safe Council was formally developed. The council assisted the County of Lassen and their consultant, in the development of the Lassen County Fire Safe Plan. This plan is being funded by a grant from the National Fire Plan Grant and was completed in January 2004.

This fire plan identifies treatment areas in close proximity to 22 of the communities within Lassen County. The plan also suggests protective measures that could improve the survivability of one's home or business in the various fuel types located within the Lassen Modoc Unit.

The Council has taken the initiative to identify many locations for potential projects that would improve the fire safety of the communities within Lassen County. The following is a list of proposed projects. The costs have not been determined, except for those, which have been submitted for through the grant application process, or the projects, which are currently in progress. The projects are listed by geographical area and the closest CDF Battalion is referenced.

In the winter of 2000/01, a group made up of CDF, USFS, local Fire Protection Districts, and Foresters from the timber industry met at the Chester Fire Station and discussed a project to construct a shaded fuel break around the Almanor Basin. Shortly thereafter, the Almanor Basin Fire Safe Council was formed. The area for the shaded fuel break was determined and work began.

The Almanor Fire Safe Council applied for a grant from the Wildland Urban Interface Grant program, for the development and publication of an Evacuation pamphlet for the basin communities. In 2001 the grant was awarded and the Evacuation pamphlet was completed and has been handed out locally.

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The council has also developed and published a Fire Plan for the basin. The council is continually holding community meetings around the basin to solicit input from the citizens of each community as well as to heighten the awareness to the Fire Safe Council.

The council is also looking at putting a fuel break with the Plumas National Forest west of the community of Canyon Dam. This is a proposed stewardship agreement.

Other projects identified by the council currently being submitted for application to various grants include: Work with the Lassen National Forest on an inspection and fuels reduction project in the Warner Valley area. Work closely with the timber companies within the Battalion to establish strategically placed fuel breaks for inclusion within their timber harvest plans. All fuels reduction projects are currently being worked on in conjunction with the Fire Safe Councils

The Almanor Basin Fire Safe Council represents communities surrounding Lake Almanor and Clear Creek and Westwood. The Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc. and the Almanor Basin Fire Safe Council work together on identifying and developing “fire safe” projects. In the winter of 2003, the Lassen County Fire Safe Council sponsored the Almanor Basin Community Chipping grant through the National Fire Plan grant application process. This was done because of the requirement for a non-profit/tax identification number, which the Almanor Basin FSC has not acquired yet and Lassen County FSC, Inc. has. This cooperative spirit is one of the many strengths these councils have.

There are three Fire Safe Councils in the operating area of Battalion 3: the Modoc County Fire Safe Council, the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, and the Lassen Day Bench Fire Safe Council. CDF personnel attend these council meetings and are active in assisting in the decision processes. Projects are being developed to create “fire safe” communities within this Battalion.

The Lassen/Day Bench Fire Safe Council was formed in the summer of 2001. CDF, Bureau of Land Management and the Lassen National Forest developed this Council in concert with the grant application to the National Fire Plan. This council’s area consists of Day Bench and Day Road area. The Day Road Community extends through Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, and Siskiyou Counties.

The Modoc County Fire Safe Council was formed during the winter of 2000/01. The Modoc County Board of Supervisors had passed a resolution to support and assist in the development of this council. A group of concerned citizens from the Alturas and outlying areas met with Lassen – Modoc staff to put together the council.

In 2000, the council applied for and received a grant from the Bureau of Land Management’s Wildland Urban Interface grant program to develop and distribute an evacuation plan for the residents of Modoc County.

The council is working with the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, the Day Bench Council, and the various agencies in Modoc County to develop fire safe communities.

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In the summer of 2003, the council completed a fire plan for Modoc County, which was funded by the National Fire Plan in 2001.

The Battalion personnel support the Modoc County Fire Safe Council and Lassen County Fire Safe Council. The Modoc County FSC is working on developing a fire plan for the communities within Modoc County. Modoc County FSC is in the process of obtaining a part-time person to administer their grants and programs

(Fire Safe Council locations can be found on Appendix A)

Industrial Groups

Sierra Pacific Industries
Roseburg
W.M. Beatty and Associates
Collins Pine
Pacific Gas and Electric

Governmental Agencies

Department of Interior - Bureau of Land Management
United States Forest Service
Susanville City Fire Department
Almanor Fire Department

Appendix A

